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Calling for an end to the recent conflict between
Eritrea and Ethiopia, and for other purposes.

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Whereas the 1991 ouster of the Mengistu dictatorship led to relative peace and stability in Eritrea and Ethiopia;

Whereas in 1993 Eritrea became independent after an internationally supervised referendum and the Government of Ethiopia accepted the result of the referendum;

Whereas the Governments of Eritrea and Ethiopia have worked closely on a wide range of issues over the past several years;

Whereas the Governments of Eritrea and Ethiopia enjoy warm relations with the United States;

Whereas on May 6, 1998, a military confrontation erupted between Eritrea and Ethiopia, resulting in the deaths of hundreds of innocent civilians and the displacement of tens of thousands of people;

Whereas the peoples of Eritrea and Ethiopia have suffered for decades due to war and manmade famines and do not deserve once again to suffer due to armed conflict;

Whereas the conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia could destabilize the entire subregion and lead to a massive humanitarian crisis;

Whereas the Governments of Eritrea and Ethiopia have both stated that they are committed to a peaceful resolution of the conflict; and

Whereas the Governments of the United States and Rwanda, as well as countries in the region, have put forth proposals for resolving the conflict: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) calls on both Eritrea and Ethiopia imme-
4 diately to bring an end to the violence between the
5 two countries;

6 (2) commends the executive branch of the
7 United States Government for brokering a morato-
8 rium on air raids between Eritrea and Ethiopia;

1 (3) commends the recent efforts of the United
2 States facilitation team to resolve the crisis, and en-
3 courages continued United States engagement to-
4 ward a peaceful resolution of the conflict; and

5 (4) calls on President Isaias Afewerki and
6 Prime Minister Meles Zenawi to end the conflict
7 peacefully before it escalates into a full-scale war.

Passed the House of Representatives September 9,
1998.

Attest:

Clerk.